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## Hey, Boomers...

*STC* gives it to you *straight* this issue in the shape of a fab **FREE Sonic Ruler** - now there's no excuse for wobbly lines in your maths books (you humes have all the fun!). Other goodies include the beginning of THREE new stories - so come closer...

First off, Sonic gets a call to help prevent pollution on a massive scale in **Crisis In The Chemical Plant Zone.**

On the Tails front, a series of robberies have taken place in the Eldorado Zone. Now Darts Champion, Eric Bungalow is the latest citizen to be pilfered from, and no prizes for guessing who gets accused in the concluding part of **Fall of The Leaf.**

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Megadroid

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

# CRISIS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE

NEW PART 1

Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME

THE **CONTROL CENTRE** OF THE **EMERALD HILL VILLAGE.**

SONIC, THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING IN... IT'S A CALL FOR **HELP** FROM THE **CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!**

OKAY, KINTOBOR, PUT IT ON THE **SCREEN!**

THAT'S THE **ODD** THING — WHOEVER'S TRYING TO CONTACT US IS ONLY TRANSMITTING **AUDIO!**

WE HAVE A **SERIOUS MALFUNCTION**... WE'RE FACING A MAJOR **ECOLOGICAL DISASTER** HERE... POLLUTION ON A **MASSIVE SCALE!**

SONIC, WE NEED YOUR **HELP!**

WHY DIDN'T THEY USE A VIDEO CONNECTION? THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

COOL IT, TAILS. WITH ROBOTNIK OUT OF THE PICTURE WE'VE GOT **NOTHING** TO WORRY ABOUT... **LET'S GO!**

CLICK!

SOON, IN THE SKIES ABOVE THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...

SONIC, DO YOU REALLY THINK THE CHEMICAL PLANT PEOPLE CAN TURN THIS ZONE INTO AN **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY** AREA?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY'VE **GOT** TO TRY!

MOBIUS STILL NEEDS ITS **INDUSTRIES** IF IT'S GOING TO PROSPER!

LATER...

THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE: WORKING FOR A CLEANER FUTURE!

THE DIRECTORS WILL SEE YOU NOW, GENTLEMEN.

HEY, IT'S ABOUT **TIME**... I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN **EMERGENCY!**

NO, IT **CAN'T** BE! **NOT THEM!**

IT'S THE MARXIO BROTHERS!

**SEE**, CHICIO? I TOLD YOU THE HEDGEHOG WOULD BE **PLEASED** TO SEE US!

HE DON'T LOOK-A SO HAPPY TO **ME**, BOSS!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, GROUCHIO, AND I DON'T **CARE!**

I WANT YOU AND YOUR **CRAZY BROTHERS** OFF PLANET MOBIUS!

TAKE IT **EASY**, SPIKY! YOU CAN'T THROW US OUT, WE **OWN** THIS ZONE!

HARPIO, SHOW HIM THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE OWNERSHIP PAPERS!

AND ALL THAT **UNPLEASANTNESS** FROM BEFORE... WELL, THE NICE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS HAVE GIVEN US A **FREE PARDON!**

THAT'S **A-RIGHT!** WE WAS MISLED BY THAT WICKED **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!**

I DON'T **BELIEVE** THIS!

RIGHT, SHOW ME WHERE THE PROBLEM IS, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, THEN I'M OUT OF THIS **MADHOUSE!**

**OKEY-DOKEY!** I'M-A IN CHARGE OF PLANT SAFETY, YOU COME-A WITH ME!

**YOU**? IN CHARGE OF SAFETY? THIS GETS WORSE!

THIS IS THE PLACE, HEDGE-A-HOG!

WE FIGURE THE FACTORY, SHE IS GOING TO **BLOW UP** ANY TIME NOW!

THIS IS SOME KIND OF **TRICK!**

SONIC AND I AREN'T EXPERTS IN THIS KIND OF JOB! WHY DON'T YOU SEND IN YOUR OWN TECHNICIANS?

**HAH!** SURE, WE TRIED THAT! THEY ALL CAME A-RUNNING BACK SCARED HALF TO **DEATH!**

DON' WORRY ABOUT IT... THOSE TECHNO GUYS ARE ALL **CRAZY!**

I DON'T THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD IDEA, AND...

LOOK, TAILS, YOU DON'T **HAVE** TO COME...

SONIC, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE WHERE ROBOTNIK MANUFACTURES **MEGA MACK**... THE CHEMICAL DESIGNED TO KILL YOU!

YOU **WORRY** TOO MUCH... LET'S TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?

I HAVE AN **INSTINCT** FOR THESE THINGS... **TRUST ME!**

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

**YEP!** I SAY WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

**YAAA!**

SO SONIC, WE FINALLY **MEET AGAIN!**

WE DO? WELL, YOU BOYS CAN'T HAVE MADE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION 'CAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER **YOU!**

THEN PERHAPS **THIS** WILL REMIND YOU!

**YEUUUURG!**

SONIC, ARE YOU **OKAY?**

NEVER **BETTER,** PAL!

I WISH THAT WERE **TRUE!** THESE CREATURES ARE MADE OF ROBOTNIK'S **MEGA MACK...** ANY MORE OF THIS AND I'M GOING TO WIND UP SERIOUSLY **POISONED!**

I'M ALREADY FEELING DIZZY!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE A LITTLE TASTE OF MY **SONIC SPEED!**

**AAAAA!**

WE ARE NOT SOLID LIKE YOU... YOU **CANNOT** DESTROY US!

SONIC WILL FIND A WAY TO **BEAT YOU!**

HEY... MAYBE THEY'RE **NOT** AS TOUGH AS WE THOUGHT, THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY!

**SOME CHANCE!** LET'S GET AFTER THEM, TAILS.

WOW... LOOK AT THIS PLACE!

YEP! IF ANYWHERE IS DUE TO BLOW UP, THIS IS THE PLACE ALL RIGHT!

YOU'RE TOO LATE, SONIC! IN A FEW MOMENTS THIS FACTORY WILL **EXPLODE** AND THE MEGA MACK WILL FLOOD INTO THE EMERALD RIVER AND HEAD TOWARDS THE **EMERALD HILL ZONE!**

YOUR PRECIOUS ZONE WILL BECOME **SO** POLLUTED THAT NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO GROW THERE FOR A **HUNDRED YEARS!**

HAHAHAHAHA!

NEXT ISSUE: **CHEMICAL SPILL!**

THE **ELDORADO ZONE**, WHERE A SERIES OF **ROBBERIES** HAVE TAKEN PLACE! DARTS CHAMPION **ERIC BUNGALOW** RETURNS HOME TO FIND...

MY 21-CARAT GOLD TROPHY! **GONE!**

ERIC

THERE'S THE LOUSY THIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE **TAILS!**

HEY! TAILS HAS PINCHED MY TROPHY!

OH NO I **DIDN'T!**

# tails

PART 2

## Fall of the Leaf

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ELITTA FELL

LOOK! THAT CUNNING FOX HAS JUST COMMITTED ANOTHER ROBBERY!

DISGRACEFUL!

IT WASN'T ME! I'M OVER *HERE!*

SO? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FAST MOVER!

LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!

STRONG STUFF!

COME ON, FOLKS! I'M A *FREEDOM FIGHTER!* WHY WOULD *I* TURN TO CRIME?

MAYBE *SOCIETY* MADE YOU DO IT!

I BLAME THE *PARENTS!*

*GOT HIM!* I CAPTURED TAILS! WHERE'S MY REWARD?

I *COULD* ESCAPE, BUT THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE ME LOOK *GUILTY!*

I'M FED UP OF BEING WRONGLY ACCUSED OF THESE ROBBERIES!* GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PROVE MY *INNOCENCE!*

WELL, OKAY... BUT JUST REMEMBER WE'LL BE *WATCHING* YOU!

*SINCE LAST ISSUE —Megadroid.

LATER...

I HEAR THE PRICELESS **GOLDEN BIKE FRAME OF THE STEPTOE ZONE** IS ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM!

LET'S HOPE THAT **TAILS** DOESN'T STEAL IT!

AHA!

THE MUSEUM...

ALL MINE!

HEY! THIS IS JUST A RUSTY OLD BIKE FRAME *PAINTED* GOLD!

CAUGHT YOU RED, er, **GOLD HANDED!**

SO! A **SET-UP!**

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO CATCH ***THE LEAF-MASTER THIEF!***

AFTER ALL THE **HASSLE** YOU'VE CAUSED ME, I'M **NOT** LETTING YOU GET AWAY NOW!

MY **MECHANICAL WINGS** CAN OUT FLY YOUR **PATHETIC** TAILS ANY DAY!

WE'LL SEE!

ADMIT IT, TAILS! YOU'RE **OUTCLASSED!**

AT LEAST I'M NOT AN **OUTLAW!**

IT WAS FUN WHEN YOU WERE BLAMED FOR MY CRIMES, BUT THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW THAT ***THE LEAF*** IS THE MOST BRILLIANT, UNSTOPPABLE THIEF OF ALL TIME!

GASP!

HAH! WHY NOT GIVE UP? YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO CATCH ME NOW!

SPLUTTER!

FZZT!

ACTUALLY, I WAS WAITING FOR YOUR **BATTERIES** TO RUN DOWN!

aw no!

AAAIIEEE!

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT ME NOT BEING ABLE TO CATCH YOU?

OOF!

WELL DONE, TAILS! (COUGH) WE KNEW YOU WERE INNOCENT REALLY!

YOU HAD A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING IT!

SORRY! THE THOUGHT OF YOU TURNING BAD WAS BEYOND BE-**LEAF!**

A JOKE LIKE THAT IS A CRIME IN ITSELF!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: A NEW **TAILS** ADVENTURE - **WEATHER BEATEN!**

ALWAYS JEALOUS OF OZZIE'S ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SKITTLES® GANG. RONNIE RASPBERRY HATCHES A PLAN TO GET RID OF OZZIE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

LATE ONE NIGHT HE BREAKS INTO THE GANG'S HQ AND STEALS OZZIE'S STASH OF JUICY ORANGES BEFORE GOING ON A SPLATTING SPREE...

FROM DOWNING ST. LONDON TO THE TOP OF THE EIFFEL TOWER PARIS, RONNIE SPLATS EVERYONE IN SIGHT.

PIZZA...

NO ONE IS SAFE!

INSPECTOR CLUELESS FROM THE NOT SO SERIOUS CRIME SQUAD IS SOON ON THE CASE.

WHO ME?

ALL FINGERS POINT TO OZZIE.

DESPITE PROTESTS BY THE OTHER GANG MEMBERS THE SQUEEZE IS PUT ON OZZIE AND HE IS DETAINED AT HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE.

WILL OZZIE SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN A JAM?

WILL RONNIE GET AWAY WITH IT?

FIND OUT ON A PACK NEAR YOU.

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## TYNE OUT

Dear Megadroid,

I've been collecting *STC* since issue 61 as I thoroughly enjoy it, however, it seems to me that not many humes from the north east of England send in letters.

**Jake Campbell,**
**South Shields, Tyne & Wear.**
**Enamel Badge Prize Winner.**

*Why no, Jake! On the other hand, perhaps a large percentage are too busy writing letters of admiration to Kenny Dalglish! Alternatively, creator hume Nigel Kitching could be blocking up your post boxes with his scripts and artwork!*

**James Kent,**
**Grafton Flyford, Worcs.**
**Enamel Badge Prize Winner.**

**Darren Wiltshire, Burntwood, Staffs.**
**Enamel Badge Prize Winner.**

## VIDEO NASTY

Dear *STC*,

I thought I'd share with you my idea of a great evening in - I'd put my feet up and settle down to watch a favourite video which would be something called either 'Sonic's Death' or 'Sonic Eats Amy'. Incidentally Tails is a big puff!

**Scott A Hudson,**
**(age 98),**
**Colne, Lancs.**
**Enamel Badge Prize Winner.**

*Would these be bootleg videos, Scott? As for Tails, 'tis true things can get rather windy once his tails start propelling!*

## HISTORY OF GRIMER

Dear *STC*,

I have never seen such stories in a comic - they're ace. I'm sure all of my friends agree - one of them even tried to make his own *STC* but it was nowhere near as good as the real thing! The only thing I'm miffed about is that I don't know how Doctor Robotnik's sidekick Grimer came on the *STC* scene.

**David Mulgrew,**
**Swadlincoat, Derbyshire.**
**Enamel Badge Prize Winner.**



*STC's Nigel Kitching (him again) got the name from 'Grimer Worm-tongue' - a character created back in the 1920's by a writer/illustrator called Mervyn Peak. Never let it be said, David, that STC isn't educational as well as enjoyable!*

# Decap Attack

NEW PART 1

## CHUCK AND THE CHEESE FACTORY

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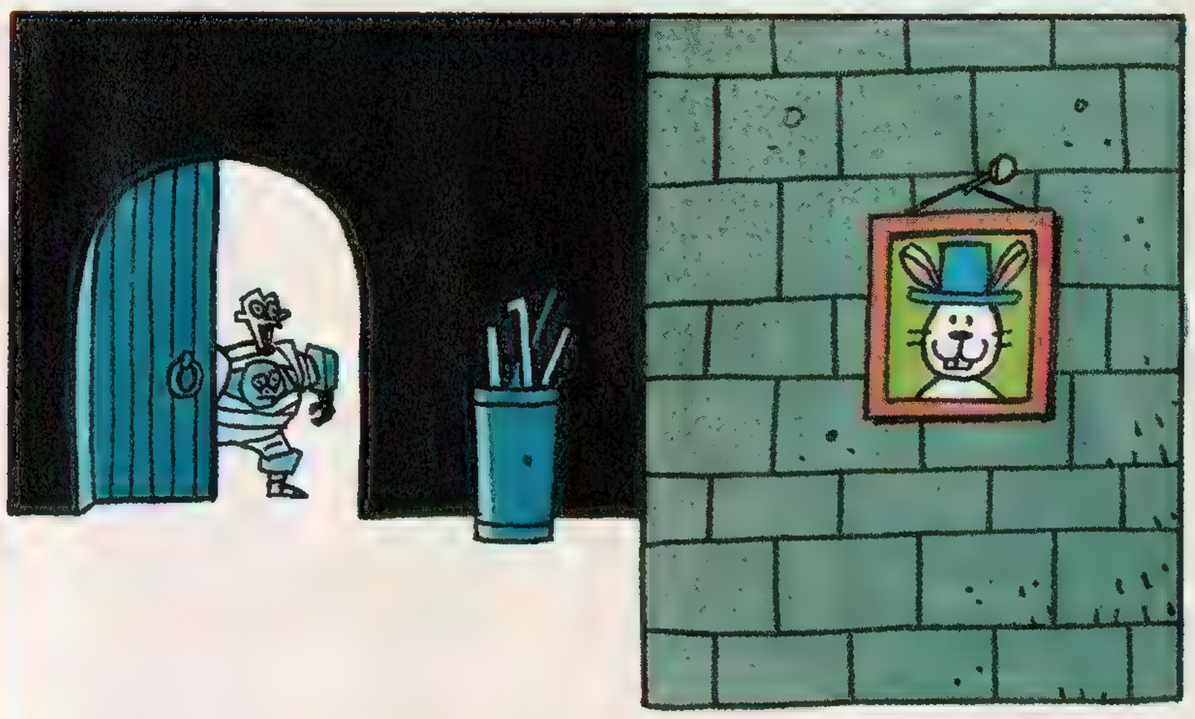

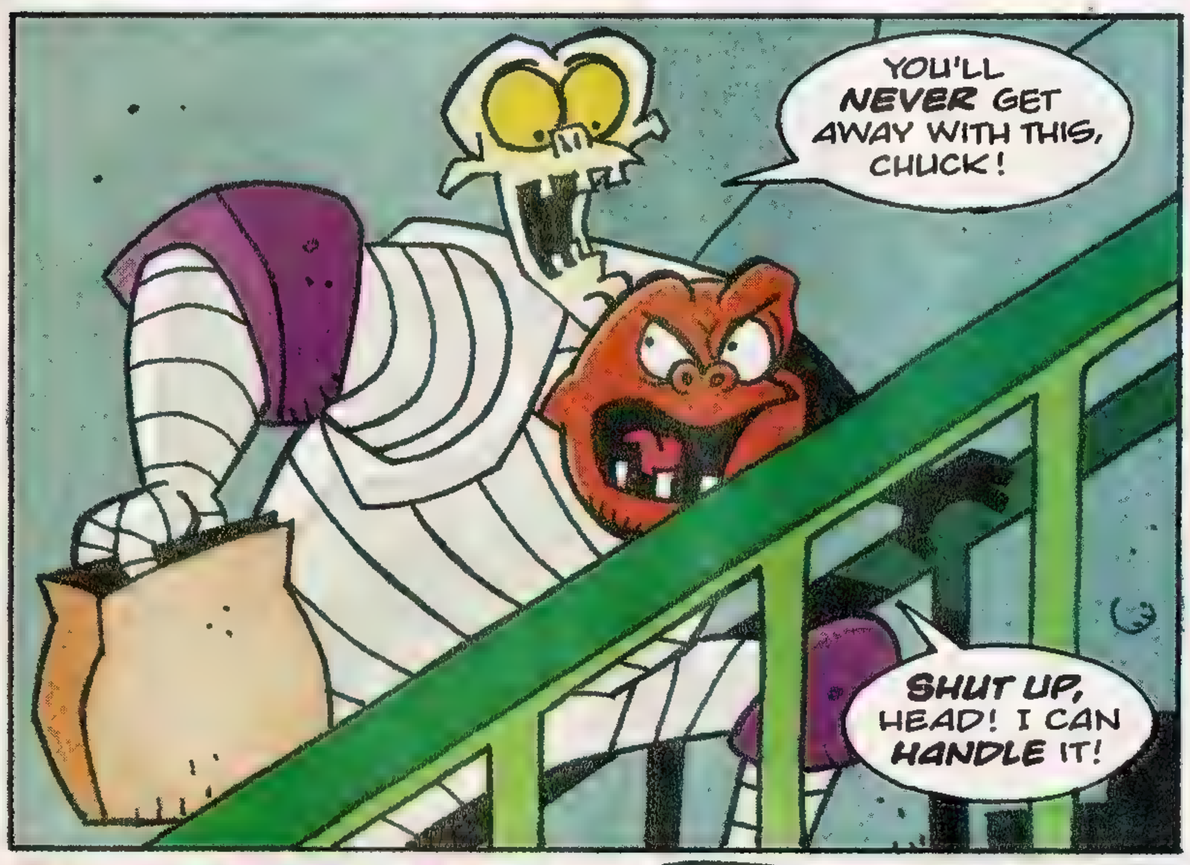

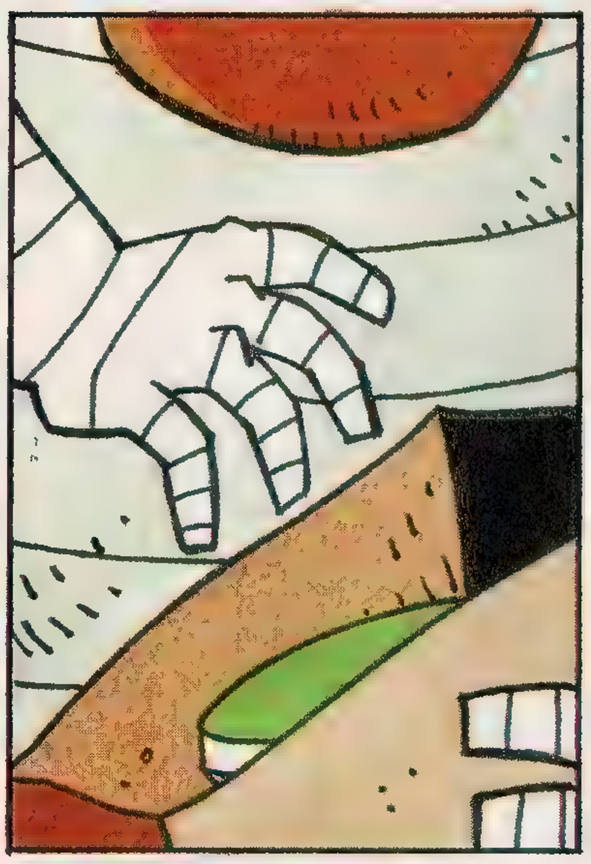

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HOW CAN YOU EAT THAT MUCK!

I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING, CHUCK, BUT I NEVER DREAMT YOU'D SUNK THIS LOW!

I... I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF... WHEN I HEARD THE NEW BARBECUED GIBBON FLAVOUR WAS OUT, I JUST HAD TO TRY IT!

YOU ACTUALLY LIKE SLURP-A-CHEESE? WAIT UNTIL THE PROFESSOR HEARS ABOUT THIS!

YOUR SECRET'S OUT!

NO! NOBODY MUST EVER KNOW!

SLURP-A-CHEESE? YEUCKK! THE STUFF LOOKS THE SAME COMING OUT AS IT DOES GOING IN!

I COULDN'T STOP HIM!

BOPP!

I THOUGHT I'D TRY IT JUST ONCE...

TOK!

THE NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS ON THREE NOVELTY FLAVOURS A DAY!

HUH?

THIS IS AMAZING... I'VE WON A TOUR OF THE SLURP-A-CHEESE FACTORY!

Oh goodie...

NEXT MORNING...

WE'RE HERE FOR THE TOUR!

I'D TAKE THESE IF I WERE YOU... IT GETS A BIT WHIFFY AROUND HERE!

THANKS, I COULD DO...

NO THANKS! WE LOVE THE SMELL OF RAW SLURP-A-CHEESE!

WELCOME, WELCOME TO MY WORLD OF CHEESE!

CURDLE'S THE NAME! CHEESE IS THE GAME!

COME WITH ME, LAD... I'LL SHOW THEE THINGS THAT'LL MAKE YOUR EYES POP!

AN' LIKE I ALWAYS SAY... 'WHERE THERE'S CHEESE THERE'S BRASS'!

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE SLURP-A-CHEESE FACTORY...

THIS IS OUR RESEARCH DEPARTMENT!

HERE, MY DEDICATED SLURP-A-KINS PUSH BACK THE BOUNDARIES OF RUNNY CHEESE TECHNOLOGY!

TOXIC

AH, HOW'S THE NEW HAIR-STYLING CHEESE MOUSSE COMING ALONG?

WE STILL HAVEN'T BEATEN THE *MOUSE PROBLEM*, MR. CURDLE, SIR!

WELL, *KEEP* AT IT, LAD!

WHAT'S *THIS*?

WHO PUT THIS NASTY *HARD CHEESE* DOWN HERE?

COME ON, *COME ON*, WHO DID IT?

I ONLY WANT TO SEE *RUNNY* CHEESE IN MY FACTORY... *RUNNY*, *DO YOU HEAR?*

THIS GUY'S A *NUTTER*!

YOU CAN'T CALL THE MAN WHO GAVE THE WORLD DRINKABLE CHEESE A *NUTTER*!

*NO*... THE CHEESE VATS! THE PRESSURE'S REACHING *CRITICAL*!

THEY'RE GOING TO *EXPLODE*!

DANGER

CHEESE PRESSURE

*DOWN* WITH *RUNNY* CHEESE!

NEXT: THE SLURP-A-KINS ARE REVOLTING!

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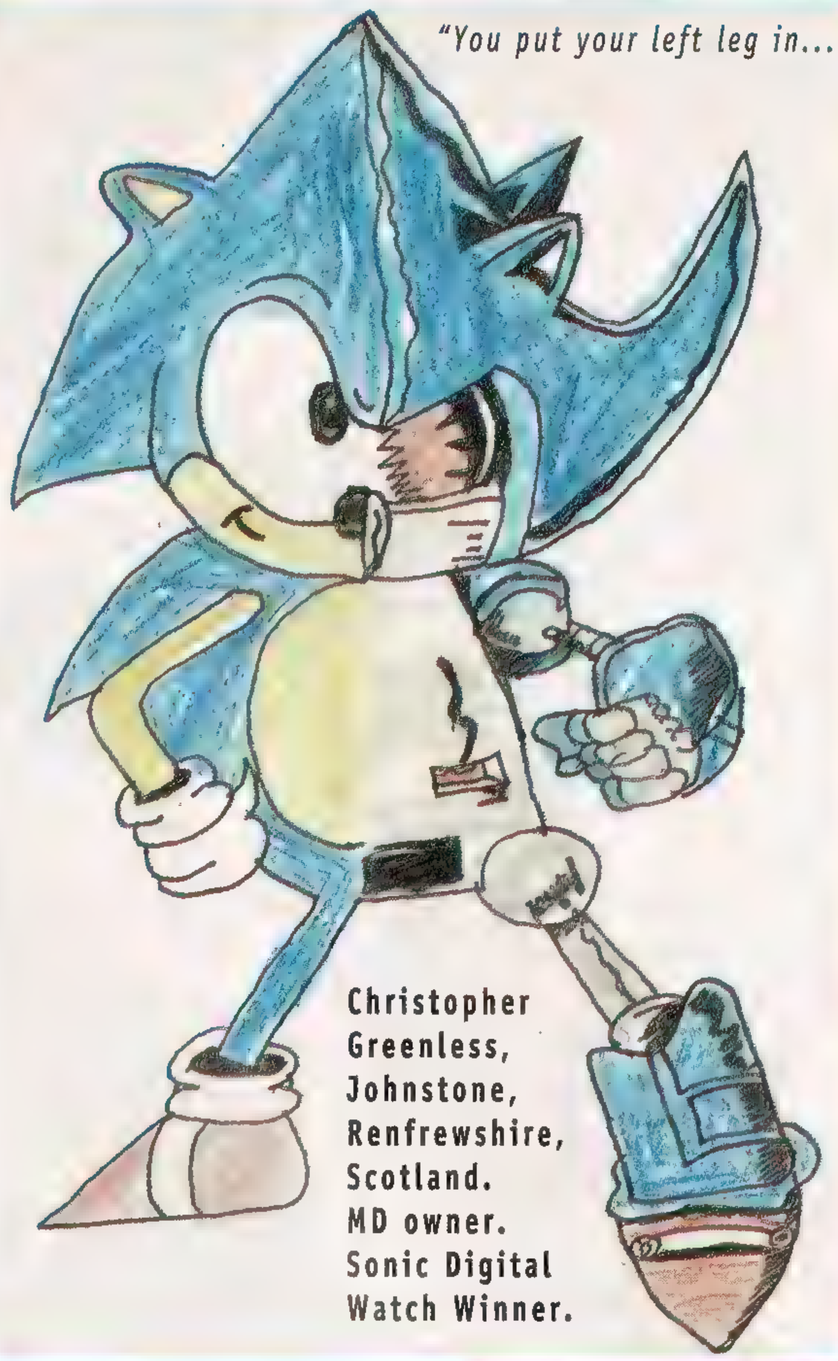

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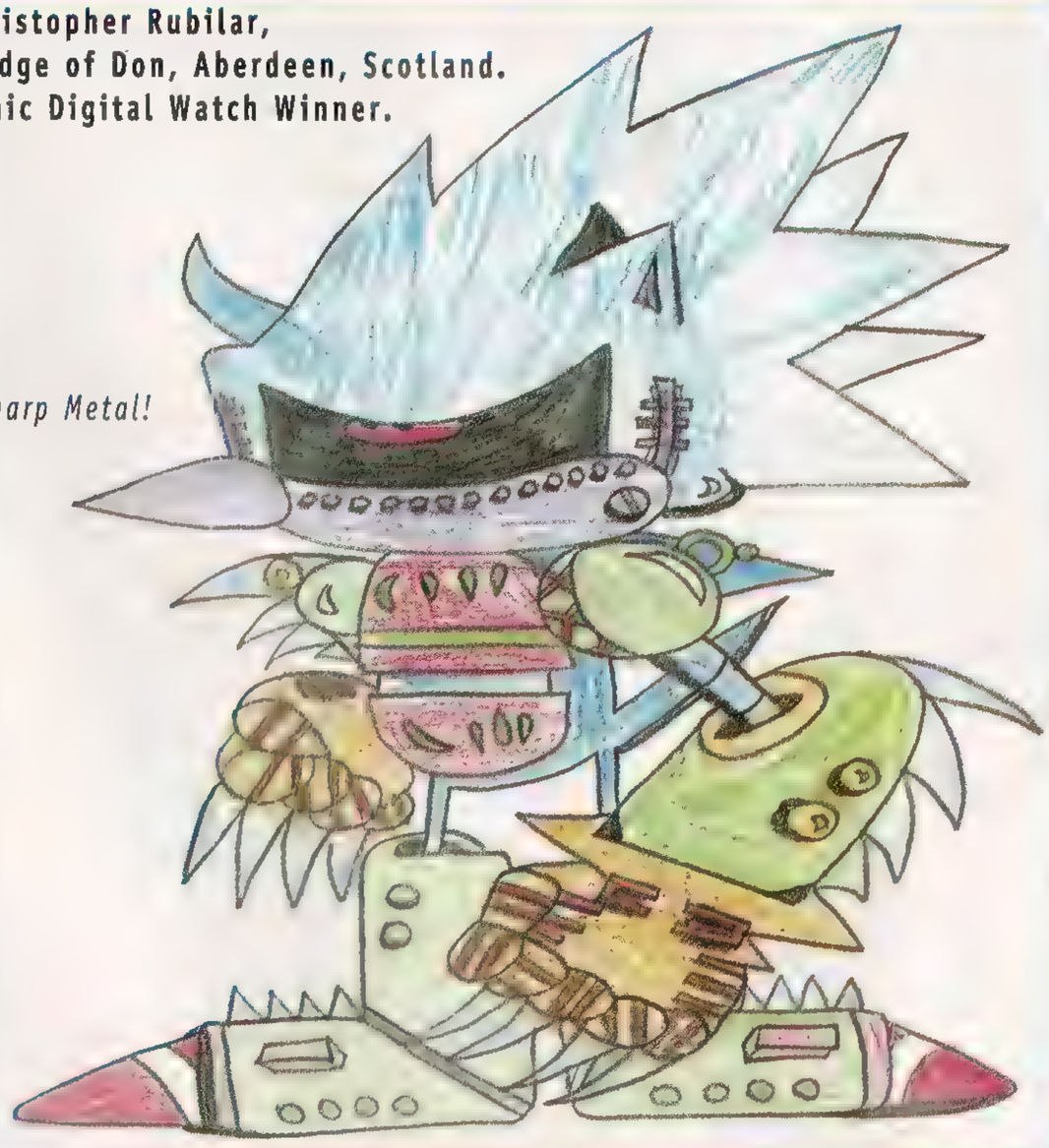
*Sharp Metal!*



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AMY & TEKNO

# EARTHBOUND

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*AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY ARE TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS AFTER AN ADVENTURE IN DEEP SPACE...*

GOOD OF THOSE ALIENS TO GIVE US THIS **SPACESHIP** AND A **MAP**, EH, AMY?*

MMM, BUT HERE'S THE BAD NEWS, TEKNO... WE'RE **LOST!**

*THE GENEROUS DONATION HAPPENED BETWEEN ISSUES! BEFORE YOU ASK, BOOMERS! — Megadroid.

MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP AT THAT BLUE PLANET FOR **DIRECTIONS!**

OOER! HOPE THE **HEAT SHIELDS** ON THIS THING CAN COPE WITH ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE!

I JUST HOPE MY **STOMACH** CAN COPE! THIS LOOKS SET TO BE A **BUMPY LANDING!**

GASP! MY DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE! I'VE SPOTTED A UFO AT LONG LAST!

ALIENS ARE ACTUALLY LANDING HERE ON EARTH!

SKASH!

SCREEECH!

PFFFT

NOW **THAT'S** WHAT I CALL **DRIVING SKILL!**

THANKS! THOSE **ANTI-GRAVITY BRAKES** GRIP REAL GOOD!

*IN A SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE A FEW MILES AWAY, THE LANDING HAS NOT GONE UN-NOTICED...*

**COLONEL GRANITE!** WE HAVE CONFIRMED READINGS OF A **DEFINITE UFO LANDING!**

I'VE WAITED **YEARS** FOR THIS!

THIS IS WHAT **OPERATION STARWATCH** WAS SET UP FOR! **CONDITION RED**, MEN! WE'VE GOT **ALIENS** TO CATCH!

**SIR!** **YES, SIR!**

*MEANWHILE...*

HELLOOO? I... AM... **PROFESSOR CRATERMASS...** WELL... COME... TO... **EARTH!**

**YO, PROFESSOR!** DO **ALL** YOU EARTHY TYPES TALK SO SLOW?

S-SORRY! I'VE NEVER MET AN **ALIEN** BEFORE!

WHO MENTIONED ALIENS! I'M A **HEDGEHOG** AND **TEKNO** HERE IS A **CANARY**! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

AHEM! **THAT'S** WHAT HEDGEHOGS LOOK LIKE IN **OUR** WORLD!

NOT AS **GOODLOOKING**, IS IT?

THIS IS **AWESOME!** YOU TWO COULD BE MORE NEWSWORTHY THAN THOSE **OASIS** BOYS!

NEVER HEARD OF 'EM!

ALL WE WANT IS TO GET BACK TO OUR OWN PLANET!

MAYBE I CAN HELP! I'M **TRYING** TO BUILD A GATEWAY TO **INFRA-SPACE!** I'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE!

IF I CAN FIGURE HOW TO COMPLETE MY **DATA** THAT IS!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

YOU LOOK IMPRESSED, PROF!

WELL, WE DON'T GET MANY COMPUTER-LITERATE CANARIES ON EARTH!

SMASHH!

STEP AWAY FROM THE 'PUTER, ALIEN!

TRYING TO CONTACT YOUR INVASION FLEET, EH? FORGET IT, ALIENS! YOU'RE NOW PRISONERS OF OPERATION STARWATCH!

NEXT ISSUE: EARTHBOUND CONTINUES!

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